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Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION AUGUST 1988 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

STATE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS

The actual Texas unemployment rate declined significantly between June and July, dropping from 8.0 percent in June to 6.6 percent in mid-July. The current rate was over two full percentage points below the July 1987 rate of 8.7 percent and was the lowest actual rate since December 1985. There were an estimated 562,200 jobless Texans in July 1988, down over 120,000 from the June level. Total employment rose marginally over the month, to 7,929,800 in mid-July. The current figure was up substantially from the year-ago total.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	123,889.0	123,028.0	122,105.0
Unemployment	6,823.0	6,819.0	7,453.0
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.5	6.1
Total Employment	117,066.0	116,209.0	114,652.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	121,684.0	121,473.0	119,890.0
Unemployment	6,625.0	6,455.0	7,251.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.3	6.0
Total Employment	115,059.0	115,018.0	112,639.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,492.0	8,596.7	8,492.9
Unemployment	562.2	685.8	741.3
Percent Unemployed	6.6	8.0	8.7
Total Employment	7,929.8	7,910.9	7,751.6
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,277.0	8,518.0	8,289.0
Unemployment	520.0	592.0	689.0
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.9	8.3
Total Employment	7,757.0	7,926.0	7,600.0

While the large decline in joblessness over the month is encouraging, unemployment is often more volatile during this time of year. Some of those seeking summer work leave the labor force fairly quickly if they cannot find a job. In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate decreased moderately, from 6.9 percent in June to 6.3 percent in July. This is a further indication that much of the large decline in the actual series was due to seasonal factors. The seasonally adjusted rate for July was exactly two percentage points below the year-ago rate of 8.3 percent. Rates in both series for the Nation changed little over the month. The actual rate was stable between June and July, at 5.5 percent, and the seasonally adjusted rate inched upward from 5.3 percent in June to 5.4 percent in July. Current rates in both series were below the July 1987 levels.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS DECLINE

Seasonal factors were primarily responsible for the loss of 38,700 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs between June and July. The mid-July estimate of 6,556,900 was, however, up by 88,100 from the July 1987 total. Although minor losses were recorded in several major industry sectors, the bulk of the over-the-month losses were due to summer layoffs of auxiliary staff (primarily other than teachers) in the educational sector of local government.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,000	49,300	47,400	78,000	78,800	76,800	340,700	343,400	343,400
Manufacturing	4,800	4,700	4,600	9,500	10,000	9,900	39,500	39,300	39,400
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,200	1,200	1,300	700	700	800
Construction	2,300	2,200	2,100	4,000	4,000	3,600	15,600	15,400	17,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,400	5,900	5,900	5,800	10,700	10,700	10,700
Trade	13,800	13,800	13,400	23,600	23,400	22,200	76,900	77,200	79,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,400	4,400	4,500	24,700	24,800	25,200
Services & Misc.	12,600	12,600	12,500	17,000	16,800	16,700	83,400	83,600	84,400
Government	8,400	8,900	7,800	12,400	13,100	12,800	89,200	91,700	86,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,900	129,500	127,900	57,600	58,600	56,000	66,800	67,500	65,500
Manufacturing	25,500	25,600	24,800	15,600	15,600	15,400	10,500	10,500	10,200
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,700	1,700	1,800	--	--	--
Construction	8,000	8,000	7,400	6,600	6,600	5,600	2,200	2,200	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,800	9,800	9,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,100	3,100	3,200
Trade	31,600	31,500	32,200	10,900	11,100	11,000	17,700	17,600	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,300	2,000	2,000	2,100	3,500	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	28,200	28,200	28,000	8,100	8,100	7,700	15,200	15,000	14,300
Government	19,000	19,600	18,800	10,400	11,200	10,100	14,600	15,600	14,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	46,100	45,700	46,300	123,500	124,500	122,600	1,331.5	1,333.7	1,329.0
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,100	11,200	11,100	11,500	222.2	222.7	222.1
Mining	600	600	700	3,900	3,900	4,300	18.4	18.3	18.7
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,000	6,400	6,200	6,400	51.0	51.8	63.5
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,000	6,900	7,100	92.9	92.2	89.9
Trade	9,500	9,600	9,600	32,600	32,700	32,000	352.7	350.9	345.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,800	6,900	7,000	7,000	129.3	128.5	133.7
Services & Misc.	8,400	8,500	8,700	28,900	29,100	27,600	321.7	322.7	313.5
Government	18,900	18,300	18,800	26,600	27,600	26,700	143.3	146.6	141.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	185,400	189,100	184,100	509,100	516,800	515,600	72,000	71,800	70,900
Manufacturing	36,300	37,800	36,600	112,700	118,600	113,200	8,400	8,600	8,700
Mining	--	--	--	3,600	3,600	3,600	500	600	600
Construction	9,500	9,400	10,000	19,600	19,600	25,400	2,900	2,900	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,000	10,800	10,200	31,200	31,000	30,200	4,600	4,500	5,100
Trade	47,200	47,300	46,400	132,400	133,800	138,200	15,400	15,300	14,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,600	9,600	9,600	26,700	26,300	28,400	4,200	4,200	4,400
Services & Misc.	35,800	36,200	35,200	117,500	116,800	113,700	15,300	15,200	14,400
Government	36,000	38,000	36,100	65,400	66,600	62,900	20,700	20,500	19,300

Government lost 40,300 jobs over the month, as the local sector declined by 42,700 and federal government dropped by 800. A moderate increase in state government due to the beginning of the summer school semester had little effect on the overall downturn in government. Many of those laid off in local government were workers who were needed to perform maintenance or repair work after schools were adjourned for the summer.

Seasonal gains and losses were evident in the retail sector of trade, with declines more numerous in July. Wholesale and retail trade lost 2,100 jobs over the month, despite an increase of 1,100 in the wholesale segment. Within retail trade, the largest of the cutbacks occurred in eating and drinking places, which decreased by 3,500. General merchandise stores dropped by 1,000, due in part to personnel on vacation. The only sizeable increase was in automotive dealers and service stations, which benefitted from summer travelers.

Services provided the largest number of additional hires over the month, gaining 5,200 jobs. The expansion was concentrated in two sectors -- health services and business and repair services. Employment in health services continues to show the largest over-the-year growth of any industry. In July, the majority of the 5,300 health-related jobs added were either in hospitals or in physicians' and other practitioners' offices. Business and repair services gained 1,500 jobs, with all of the increase generated by business services. This sector normally accelerates in

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Industry	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**
	HOUSTON 2/		
TOTAL	1,411.4	1,415.0	1,384.0
Manufacturing	151.2	151.0	145.5
Mining	64.1	64.1	62.5
Construction	86.7	85.4	84.8
Trans., Comm., & Util.	99.5	99.1	98.5
Trade	359.5	359.4	350.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	97.1	97.0	102.8
Services & Misc.	374.9	372.4	361.6
Government	178.4	186.6	178.0
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	65,800	66,000	63,900
Manufacturing	16,000	16,100	15,500
Mining	3,700	3,700	3,500
Construction	3,400	3,300	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	16,900	16,900	16,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,600	11,500
Government	8,400	8,500	8,000
	MIDLAND		
TOTAL	44,700	45,000	42,500
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	2,800
Mining	9,900	9,800	9,400
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,000
Trade	10,500	10,500	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,500
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	8,500
Government	6,600	7,000	5,800
	SAN ANTONIO		
TOTAL	505,300	509,400	498,200
Manufacturing	46,500	46,900	46,500
Mining	2,400	2,600	2,600
Construction	26,800	26,900	30,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,400	18,300	18,400
Trade	134,400	133,500	131,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	40,900	40,500	40,100
Services & Misc.	126,600	126,200	120,500
Government	109,300	114,500	108,400
	TYLER		
TOTAL	61,300	61,700	61,500
Manufacturing	10,400	10,400	10,900
Mining	2,000	2,000	1,900
Construction	2,400	2,300	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900
Trade	16,800	16,800	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,700
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,800	14,700
Government	8,700	9,100	8,600
	WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	50,900	51,000	49,900
Manufacturing	8,300	8,100	8,500
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	2,200	2,100	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	12,200	12,200	12,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,500	11,400
Government	9,800	10,200	9,200

Industry	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**
	KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	71,000	71,300	69,400
Manufacturing	8,500	8,500	8,100
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700
Trade	16,500	16,600	16,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,000
Services & Misc.	15,600	15,700	15,100
Government	21,000	21,100	20,800
	LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	92,200	91,900	89,500
Manufacturing	7,500	7,500	7,100
Mining	400	400	400
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,000	5,000	4,700
Trade	27,800	27,800	26,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,500
Services & Misc.	22,400	22,200	21,400
Government	20,000	19,900	20,300
	ODESSA		
TOTAL	43,000	43,800	41,300
Manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,700
Mining	6,100	6,100	5,800
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,200	2,100
Trade	12,900	12,900	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,400	6,900
Government	7,000	7,600	6,700
	SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,900	38,300	37,200
Manufacturing	11,400	11,400	11,200
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,000	2,000
Trade	8,300	8,500	8,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	8,400	8,500	8,000
Government	4,100	4,300	4,100
	VICTORIA		
TOTAL	27,500	27,600	27,100
Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	2,700
Mining	1,700	1,600	1,600
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	7,600	7,700	7,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	5,700	5,900	5,700
Government	4,500	4,400	4,400

Industry	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**
	LAREDO		
TOTAL	36,800	35,900	35,100
Manufacturing	1,700	1,800	1,800
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,000	5,000	4,500
Trade	10,700	10,600	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,000	6,100	5,800
Government	8,500	8,500	7,900
	MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	87,200	89,500	84,500
Manufacturing	11,800	12,300	11,900
Mining	900	900	900
Construction	4,000	4,200	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800
Trade	26,300	26,700	25,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,800	3,800	3,900
Services & Misc.	14,400	14,400	14,400
Government	23,300	24,500	21,600
	SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	35,900	36,400	35,600
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,700
Mining	400	400	400
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,100	3,000
Trade	9,300	9,400	9,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,000	7,900	7,600
Government	6,400	6,700	6,100
	TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	44,500	45,400	45,300
Manufacturing	7,200	7,300	7,400
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	1,700	1,800	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	1,800	1,800
Trade	10,700	10,900	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,700	9,600	9,400
Government	11,300	12,000	11,900
	WACO		
TOTAL	77,300	77,300	76,300
Manufacturing	14,900	15,000	14,800
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,900	3,700	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300
Trade	19,200	19,100	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	19,800	19,700	19,100
Government	11,400	11,700	11,500

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	July 1988*	June 1988**	July 1987**	Change From June 1988	Change From July 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,556,900	6,595,600	6,468,800	-38,700	88,100
Manufacturing	942,800	949,900	926,800	-7,100	16,000
Durable Goods	541,500	547,300	528,500	-5,800	13,000
Lumber & Wood Products	34,400	34,600	33,900	-200	500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,600	6,600	6,600	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	15,900	15,600	16,300	300	-400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	43,200	43,400	43,800	-200	-600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	18,100	18,300	19,200	-200	-1,100
Primary Metal Industries	28,700	28,800	26,600	-100	2,100
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,300	76,200	71,700	100	4,600
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	35,800	35,900	34,800	-100	1,000
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,600	101,900	97,800	-300	3,800
Oil Field Machinery	22,700	22,900	20,900	-200	1,800
Electric & Electronic Equipment	118,300	118,100	116,000	200	2,300
Transportation Equipment	88,400	93,600	88,800	-5,200	-400
Aircraft & Parts	49,100	54,000	51,700	-4,900	-2,600
Instruments & Related Products	21,700	21,700	21,300	0	400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,000	13,400	12,300	-400	700
Nondurable Goods	401,300	402,600	398,300	-1,300	3,000
Food & Kindred Products	95,800	96,500	96,500	-700	-700
Meat Products	28,200	28,800	28,400	-600	-200
Dairy Products	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Bakery Products	10,200	10,200	9,800	0	400
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	-100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,100	54,700	53,100	-600	1,000
Paper & Allied Products	26,000	25,900	24,000	100	2,000
Printing & Publishing	73,700	73,100	72,800	600	900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,700	35,400	36,600	300	-900
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,800	74,500	74,800	300	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,700	32,100	33,000	-400	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	28,300	28,700	29,700	-400	-1,400
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,400	7,200	0	1,200
Other Nondurable Goods	32,800	33,400	32,800	-600	0
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,614,100	5,645,700	5,542,000	-31,600	72,100
Mining	182,500	182,200	182,200	300	300
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,600	9,700	10,100	-100	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	172,900	172,500	172,100	400	800
Construction	328,000	326,600	350,700	1,400	-22,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	392,600	390,100	385,800	2,500	6,800
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	21,600	0	-800
Transportation, Except Railroads	211,200	209,300	202,700	1,900	8,500
Transportation by Air	62,300	61,700	56,700	600	5,600
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,100	83,900	84,900	200	-800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,500	76,100	76,600	400	-100
Electric Services	41,400	41,300	42,000	100	-600
Gas Production & Distribution	27,900	27,700	27,300	200	600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,668,000	1,670,100	1,642,200	-2,100	25,800
Wholesale Trade	412,900	411,800	407,200	1,100	5,700
Retail Trade	1,255,100	1,258,300	1,235,000	-3,200	20,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,900	45,400	46,400	-500	-1,500
General Merchandise Stores	165,600	166,600	162,200	-1,000	3,400
Food Stores	229,600	228,800	226,700	800	2,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,300	134,300	135,200	1,000	100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,700	77,600	80,700	100	-3,000
Eating & Drinking Places	418,700	422,200	401,500	-3,500	17,200
Other Retail Trade	183,300	183,400	182,300	-100	1,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	442,700	441,300	445,400	1,400	-2,700
Banking	99,000	98,900	98,500	100	500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	139,400	138,900	139,300	500	100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	204,300	203,500	207,600	800	-3,300
Services	1,500,300	1,495,100	1,440,400	5,200	59,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	82,300	83,400	84,100	-1,100	-1,800
Personal Services	84,300	84,900	83,100	-600	1,200
Business & Repair Services	416,500	415,000	400,000	1,500	16,500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	62,100	62,000	55,400	100	6,700
Health Services	411,000	405,700	387,400	5,300	23,600
Educational Services	68,200	68,000	65,100	200	3,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	375,900	376,100	365,300	-200	10,600
Total Government	1,100,000	1,140,300	1,095,300	-40,300	4,700
Total Federal Government	191,400	192,200	197,300	-800	-5,900
Total State Government	233,000	229,800	223,000	3,200	10,000
Total Local Government	675,600	718,300	675,000	-42,700	600

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,800	55,600	54,700	103,800	104,700	103,100	429,700	435,600	432,200
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,900	4,800	5,500	6,300	6,900	24,400	29,800	30,300
Percent Unemployed	5.7	7.0	8.8	5.3	6.0	6.7	5.7	6.8	7.0
Total Employment 2/	51,700	51,700	49,900	98,300	98,400	96,200	405,300	405,800	401,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	163,200	166,200	166,800	83,900	85,400	83,100	99,400	101,900	99,100
Total Unemployment	15,400	18,700	21,600	6,200	7,700	8,700	12,000	14,800	14,300
Percent Unemployed	9.4	11.3	12.9	7.4	9.0	10.5	12.1	14.5	14.4
Total Employment 2/	147,800	147,500	145,200	77,700	77,700	74,400	87,400	87,100	84,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,300	57,000	57,600	163,500	167,300	165,300	1,506.5	1,513.7	1,497.1
Total Unemployment	2,500	3,100	3,600	14,300	17,800	20,200	79.7	98.0	99.6
Percent Unemployed	4.4	5.4	6.3	8.7	10.6	12.2	5.3	6.5	6.7
Total Employment 2/	54,800	53,900	54,000	149,200	149,500	145,100	1,426.8	1,415.7	1,397.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	240,000	248,700	237,800	693,400	706,400	702,800	112,800	113,500	113,700
Total Unemployment	23,400	29,700	26,000	40,000	49,600	52,900	9,100	11,200	12,400
Percent Unemployed	9.8	11.9	10.9	5.8	7.0	7.5	8.1	9.9	10.9
Total Employment 2/	216,600	219,000	211,800	653,400	656,800	649,900	103,700	102,300	101,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,652.1	1,666.7	1,659.5	98,400	98,800	96,000	46,900	47,600	46,400
Total Unemployment	104.1	128.2	154.5	6,900	8,300	7,700	5,300	6,600	6,900
Percent Unemployed	6.3	7.7	9.3	7.0	8.4	8.0	11.3	13.9	14.9
Total Employment 2/	1,548.0	1,538.5	1,505.0	91,500	90,500	88,300	41,600	41,000	39,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,400	82,000	81,800	117,600	117,400	114,600	145,900	152,800	142,700
Total Unemployment	6,400	7,600	9,100	5,900	7,100	7,700	21,600	23,900	25,900
Percent Unemployed	7.9	9.3	11.1	5.0	6.0	6.7	14.8	15.6	18.1
Total Employment 2/	75,000	74,400	72,700	111,700	110,300	106,900	124,300	128,900	116,800
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,800	51,100	51,200	55,200	56,100	54,700	46,300	46,800	46,100
Total Unemployment	2,700	3,100	4,800	3,800	4,500	6,100	2,600	3,000	2,900
Percent Unemployed	5.3	6.1	9.4	6.9	8.0	11.2	5.6	6.4	6.3
Total Employment 2/	48,100	48,000	46,400	51,400	51,600	48,600	43,700	43,800	43,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	640,600	648,900	626,800	51,100	51,400	50,400	59,500	60,400	59,000
Total Unemployment	46,800	56,400	51,700	2,900	3,400	4,000	4,600	5,200	4,900
Percent Unemployed	7.3	8.7	8.2	5.7	6.6	7.9	7.7	8.6	8.3
Total Employment 2/	593,800	592,500	575,100	48,200	48,000	46,400	54,900	55,200	54,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,100	79,100	79,800	37,500	37,800	38,100	94,600	95,600	94,100
Total Unemployment	5,300	6,400	7,100	2,300	3,000	3,400	6,100	7,700	7,700
Percent Unemployed	6.8	8.1	8.9	6.1	7.9	8.9	6.4	8.1	8.2
Total Employment 2/	72,800	72,700	72,700	35,200	34,800	34,700	88,500	87,900	86,400
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,800	60,400	59,300				8,492.0	8,596.7	8,492.9
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,700	4,600				562.2	685.8	741.3
Percent Unemployed	5.2	6.1	7.8				6.6	8.0	8.7
Total Employment 2/	56,700	56,700	54,700				7,929.8	7,910.9	7,751.6

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July± 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July± 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July± 1988	June 1988	July 1987
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 418.84	$ 417.74	$ 405.00	41.8	41.9	41.2	$ 10.02	$ 9.97	$ 9.83
Durable Goods	410.75	419.34	395.52	41.7	42.4	41.2	9.85	9.89	9.60
Lumber & Wood Products	288.16	301.14	283.41	40.7	42.0	40.2	7.08	7.17	7.05
Furniture & Fixtures	270.76	261.53	251.25	41.4	40.8	38.3	6.54	6.41	6.56
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	399.67	398.74	399.28	42.7	43.2	43.4	9.36	9.23	9.20
Primary Metal Industries	453.88	445.84	444.36	42.3	42.3	42.0	10.73	10.54	10.58
Fabricated Metal Products	387.77	388.29	369.88	42.8	43.0	41.7	9.06	9.03	8.87
Machinery, exc. Electric	416.58	431.00	410.18	41.7	43.1	41.6	9.99	10.00	9.86
Oil Field Machinery	484.02	503.69	484.65	44.9	45.5	42.7	10.78	11.07	11.35
Electric & Electronic Equip.	426.13	441.31	423.74	39.9	40.9	39.9	10.68	10.79	10.62
Transportation Equipment	559.36	574.05	492.30	43.7	44.5	41.3	12.80	12.90	11.92
Instruments & Related Prod.	358.89	358.60	352.15	39.7	39.8	40.2	9.04	9.01	8.76
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	240.30	234.57	269.01	35.6	34.7	39.1	6.75	6.76	6.88
Nondurable Goods	429.66	416.30	416.72	42.0	41.3	41.3	10.23	10.08	10.09
Food & Kindred Products	358.19	333.27	342.76	43.0	41.4	41.8	8.33	8.05	8.20
Meat Products	273.49	258.74	260.38	42.6	41.2	41.2	6.42	6.28	6.32
Malt Beverages	906.01	846.40	919.51	49.0	46.1	51.6	18.49	18.36	17.82
Textile Mill Products	315.92	326.78	337.96	43.1	44.4	47.4	7.33	7.36	7.13
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	199.79	195.52	195.47	38.2	37.6	36.4	5.23	5.20	5.37
Paper & Allied Products	475.46	493.45	463.49	43.7	44.9	42.6	10.88	10.99	10.88
Printing & Publishing	395.58	380.93	392.63	39.4	38.4	39.7	10.04	9.92	9.89
Chemicals & Allied Products	657.77	648.61	657.73	42.3	42.2	43.3	15.55	15.37	15.19
Petroleum & Coal Products	761.90	724.56	671.44	47.5	45.8	44.0	16.04	15.82	15.26
Petroleum Refining	791.82	750.01	697.03	47.7	45.9	44.2	16.60	16.34	15.77
Leather & Leather Products	234.43	231.17	229.31	39.4	38.4	38.8	5.95	6.02	5.91
Other Nondurable Goods	394.20	396.04	397.82	43.8	44.3	44.4	9.00	8.94	8.96
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	536.74	486.39	497.17	42.7	40.6	41.5	12.57	11.98	11.98
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	567.85	563.06	539.45	47.4	47.0	45.6	11.98	11.98	11.83
Oil & Gas Extraction	533.83	480.40	494.40	42.3	40.1	41.2	12.62	11.98	12.00
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	531.71	516.57	483.04	42.3	40.9	39.4	12.57	12.63	12.26
Elec., Gas & San. Services	498.19	486.67	448.33	41.9	41.0	39.5	11.89	11.87	11.35
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.69	228.85	228.85	33.1	32.6	32.6	7.03	7.02	7.02
Wholesale Trade	399.68	393.90	379.65	39.3	39.0	38.7	10.17	10.10	9.81
Retail Trade	182.52	179.60	182.67	31.2	30.7	30.7	5.85	5.85	5.95
General Merchandise Stores	183.31	179.02	193.70	30.1	29.3	29.8	6.09	6.11	6.50
Banking	276.05	260.48	247.45	39.1	37.0	35.4	7.06	7.04	6.99

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 403.50	$ 403.80	$ 405.98	41.3	41.5	41.3	$ 9.77	$ 9.73	$ 9.83
Durable Goods	425.18	425.79	429.31	41.4	41.5	41.6	10.27	10.26	10.32
Nondurable Goods	369.98	369.77	368.02	41.2	41.5	40.8	8.98	8.91	9.02
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	438.90	452.84	396.98	41.8	42.6	40.8	10.50	10.63	9.73
Durable Goods	461.25	484.20	408.24	42.2	43.7	40.5	10.93	11.08	10.08
Nondurable Goods	383.52	374.00	368.11	40.8	40.0	41.5	9.40	9.35	8.87
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	492.75	491.37	487.30	43.3	43.6	43.2	11.38	11.27	11.28
Durable Goods	416.61	420.53	410.31	43.9	44.5	43.1	9.49	9.45	9.52
Nondurable Goods	581.06	573.82	574.18	42.6	42.6	43.4	13.64	13.47	13.23
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	297.83	305.47	295.62	39.5	40.3	39.0	7.54	7.58	7.58
Durable Goods	306.32	322.76	314.63	38.1	39.7	38.7	8.04	8.13	8.13
Nondurable Goods	288.86	288.75	277.07	40.8	40.9	39.3	7.08	7.06	7.05

—*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

the summer months, due in part to increased hiring of temporary workers to replace vacationing staff.

Seasonal influences were also prominent in transportation and public utilities, as transportation (except railroads) provided the bulk of the 2,500 jobs added in July. Most of the growth in this sector was related to summer travelers. Construction added 1,400 positions, most of which were in masonry, stonework, plastering and concrete work.

Another 1,400 jobs were created in finance, insurance and real estate. The majority of this increase was among insurance companies and in real estate. Mining (which is primarily oil and gas extraction) remained basically stable between June and July, gaining 300 jobs.

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Manufacturing recorded its largest decline thus far in 1988 with the loss of 7,100 positions between June and July. This was only the second time this year that manufacturing has not gained jobs over the month. Although minor decreases were recorded in the majority of the industries, the primary source of the drop was transportation equipment. This sector recorded 5,200 cutbacks in July, due to a vacation shutdown in aircraft and parts. This large decline, along with small scattered layoffs in other segments, pushed employment down by 5,800 in durable goods.

Nondurable goods exhibited a more moderate loss of 1,300 jobs over the month. The two largest cutbacks were in food and kindred products (which lost 700 positions) and in apparel and other finished textile products (which decreased by 600 in July). A gain of 600 in printing and publishing was the largest increase in nondurable goods. Other changes in this sector were relatively minor.

AVERAGE HOURS DROP, EARNINGS RISE SLIGHTLY

The number of Texas manufacturing production workers declined by 5,700 over the month, to an estimated 611,400. In mid-July, the average worker was earning $10.02 an hour for a 41.8-hour week and averaging $418.84 per week. Average weekly hours inched downward from 41.9 hours in June to 41.8 hours in July, while average hourly earnings rose by 5¢ during this period. Average weekly earnings were up by only $1.10 over the month. Comparing current estimates with those for July 1987, average weekly hours were up 0.6 hour and hourly earnings had risen by 19¢, pushing the average weekly wage up by $13.84.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	July 1988	July 1987
Total Population	16,889,000	16,789,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.7	2.3
UI Covered Employers	311,565	315,616
Total Claims Actions	481,010	714,860
Total Initial Claims Actions	60,015	71,796
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	420,995	643,064
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$152.76	$157.24
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$55,115,918	$94,008,741
Total Placements	36,986	31,243

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